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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH FORMIN BULA: ECONOMIC SITUATION  
AND RAW MATERIALS

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BULA EARLY HOURS JUNE 1 OF KIDNAPPING AND ANGOLA, I ROSE TO LEAVE. AT THAT POINT BULA SAID, "WE STILL HAVE NOT DISCUSSED WHAT YOU DID WHILE YOU WERE IN WASHINGTON." DEPT WILL RECALL THAT HE HAD HAD THREE OTHER OCCASIONS TO GO INTO THIS AND ON OTHER OCCASIONS I HAD SUGGESTED IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING. WHY IT OCCURRED TO HIM EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, I DON'T KNOW, BUT DISCUSS IT WE DID.

2. I TOLD HIM I HAD TRIED TO DO TWO THINGS IN WASHINGTON:  
(1) DETERMINE IF MY GOVERNMENT WERE WILLING TO PROVIDE THE KIND OF FINANCIAL HELP HE HAD SUGGESTED WOULD BE NEEDED IN OUR FINAL CONVERSATION BEFORE MY DEPARTURE AND (2) PUSH AS BEST I COULD FOR A US EFFORT TO TAKE RAW MATERIAL PROBLEMS SERIOUSLY, PARTICULARLY COPPER.

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3. ON FIRST POINT, I HAD FOUND US GOVERNMENT FAR

BETTER DISPOSED TO HELP THAN I WOULD HAVE ANTICIPATED  
AND I WAS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT WERE THE GOZ TO WORK OUT  
AN AGREED ECONOMIC PROGRAM WITH THE IMF, THERE WOULD BE  
A US CONTRIBUTION TO HELP ZAIRE WITH ITS BALANCE OF  
PAYMENTS PROBLEM. HE WAS DEFINITELY INTERESTED AND HE  
ASKED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS CONCERNING WHAT WOULD BE IN  
IMF PACKAGE, INCLUDING QUESTIONS ABOUT DELICATE EXCHANGE  
RATE QUESTION. I TOLD HIM DINI, IN REPLY TO MY DIRECT  
QUESTION, HAD SAID DEVALUATION NEED NOT BE PART OF AGREED  
PUBLICIZED PACKAGE. I ADDED MY OWN PERSONAL VIEW THAT LONG-RUN  
RECOVERY OF ZAIRIAN ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY CRUCIAL  
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR, WOULD EVENTUALLY REQUIRE ACTION ON  
EXCHANGE RATE.

4. RE COPPER, I SAID I HAD FOUND US IN MIDST OF POLICY  
REVIEW FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT OF PARIS ENERGY PREP-CON  
TALKS AND MOVING IN DIRECTION OF NEW PLICY. AS HE KNEW,  
SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD NOW UNVEILED THAT POLICY AT PARIS  
IN TWO IMPORTANT SPEECHES AND I TRUSTED THAT BULA WOULD  
GRASP ESSENTIAL POINTS: THAT COOPERATION WAS BETTER THAN  
CONFRONTATION AND THAT DOOR WAS OPENING FOR SERIOUS  
DISCUSSIONS OF KEY COMMODITIES. HE SAID HE HAD NOTED  
SECRETARY'S POLICY SWITCH AND IT HAD STRENGTHENED HIS  
ADMIRATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S ABILITIES.

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